

2005 Report of Accomplishments

Pine Creek Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2005 - Summary

- 2,263 acres of CRP providing 80% reduction in sediments and pesticides entering district waterways.
- Over 1200 contacts were made with producers and the general public through meetings, walk-in assistance, telephone support, newsletters and one-on-one technical assistance.
- GPS/GIS used for resource management, burn mapping, individual operator maps and district inventories.



System of Contour Buffer Strips and Filter Strips.

Mission of the Pine Creek Conservation District

- The mission of the district is to work in cooperation with private landowners and other local, state and federal agencies to voluntarily protect, enhance and restore natural resources in the Pine Creek Conservation District. This mission will be accomplished with information/education, technical and financial assistance, and assessment of local natural resource conditions and concerns. The district will foster community involvement in natural resource issues and cooperation between private landowners, government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private business.

Water Quality Implementation

- 22 acres of new filter strips designed and installed.
- 128 acres of new contour buffer strips designed and installed.
- 2,263 acres of new CRP installed.
- 13 new CRP plans written.
- The district continued it's training program with NRCS in order to provide better technical assistance in the planning and application of BMPs.
- GPS was used with GIS to provide better water quality inventories, on-farm mapping and measurements, and better reporting of district progress.

Basic Funding

- Basic funding is used mainly for salaries and office expenses for not-eligible water quality grant items. These items are mostly information/education activities for producers and the general public, providing walk-in and phone-in assistance.
- Basic funding also used for support of monthly board meetings, district elections, training and basic office expenses
- Basic funding allows us to "keep the doors open" for daily assistance to our producers and the general public. The current level of Basic funding is inadequate to provide the level of service required by the public and producers.

Local Funding

- Used local funding to upgrade office equipment and increase district capacity.
- Administer local agricultural burn permitting program.

Air Quality Program

- Continue to administer the local burn permit program. District works one-on-one to provide technical assistance to producers with permit application and use of BMPs when burning. District promotes the voluntary reduction in Ag burning and use of alternatives when feasible.
- Burn permit GIS mapping project set up..

Watershed Planning/Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- *Started livestock water quality needs inventory.*
- *District boundaries updated in GIS.*
- *District Operator database updated..*
- *Assistance provided in two livestock water quality complaint/habitat restoration.*

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *Seventy-nine local landowners attended annual information day presentations.*
- *Cooperating with Spokane County CD in offering low interest loans for Conservation Tillage Equipment to local producers.*
- *Working with other government entities to coordinate delivery of Natural Resource programs.*

Information & Education

- *Sponsored district annual meeting for general public.*
- *Make natural resource presentations to local grade schools as requested.*
- *Participated in assisting with local land judging contest and Envirothon.*
- *Co-publish quarterly district newsletter with a circulation of 900 per quarter.*
- *Co-hosted a County fair booth with approximately 750 people attending or passing through the information booth.*
- *Individual information contacts made with 95% of the district cooperators.*

Washington Conservation Districts assisting
land managers with their conservation choices



Supervisors tour remote areas of district for watershed inventory.



Local Land judging contest.



Spring-time cloud burst can lead to severe erosion on unprotected fields.